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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re

: Chapter 11
: SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, et al.,

Debtors. 1
: (Jointly Administered)
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON DEBTORS' MOTION FOR AN ORDER SHORTENING NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO DEBTORS' MOTION PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9019(a) FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRANSFORM HOLDCO LLC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the annexed motion (the "Motion to Shorten") of Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an order pursuant to Rule 9006(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure shortening the notice period and setting the date and time for a hearing on the Debtors' Motion Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019(a) for Entry of an Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Transform Holdco LLC (the "Motion for Approval"), as more fully set forth in the Motion to Shorten, will be held before the Honorable Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, Courtroom 118, 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York, 10601-4140 (the "Bankruptcy Court") on January 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) (the "Hearing").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any responses or objections (the "Objections") to the Motion to Shorten shall (i) be in writing; (ii) state the name and address of the objecting party and nature of the claim or interest of such party; (iii) state with particularity the legal and factual bases of such objection; (iv) conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Bankruptcy Rules; (v) be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, together with proof of service, electronically, in accordance with General Order M-399 (available at <a href="www.nysb.uscourts.gov">www.nysb.uscourts.gov</a>) by registered users of the Court's Electronic Case Filing system, and by all other parties in interest, on a CD-ROM, in text-searchable portable document format (PDF) (with a hard copy delivered directly to Chambers), in accordance with the customary practices of the Bankruptcy Court and

General Order M-399, to the extent applicable; and (vi) be served in accordance with the *Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures*, entered on November 1, 2018 (ECF No. 405), so as to be filed and received no later than **January 24, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** (Eastern Time) (the "Objection Deadline").

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that any objecting parties are required to attend the Hearing and failure to appear may result in relief being granted upon default.

Dated: January 10, 2020 New York, New York

#### /s/ Sunny Singh

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#### MOTION FOR AN ORDER SHORTENING NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO DEBTORS' MOTION PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9019(a) FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRANSFORM HOLDCO LLC

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**"), respectfully represent as follows in support of this *Motion for an Order Shortening Notice with Respect to Debtors' Motion Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019(a) for Entry of an Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Transform Holdco LLC (the "Motion to Shorten"):<sup>2</sup>* 

#### I. BACKGROUND

#### A. The Chapter 11 Cases

- 1. Beginning on October 15, 2018 and continuing thereafter, each of the Debtors commenced with this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their business and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. On October 24, 2018, the United States Trustee for Region 2 appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee"). No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the First Motion to Enforce (as defined herein).

3. The Debtors' chapter 11 cases are being jointly administered for procedural purposes only pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").

4. Additional information regarding the Debtors' business, capital structure, and the circumstances leading to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in the *Declaration of Robert A. Riecker Pursuant to Rule 1007-2 of Local Bankruptcy Rules for Southern District of New York*, sworn on October 15, 2018 (ECF No. 3).

#### **B.** The Settlement Agreement

5. In the Debtors' Motion Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019(a) for Entry of an Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Transform Holdco LLC (the "Motion for Approval"), the Debtors request the authority to enter into a settlement with Transform Holdco LLC ("Transform," together with the Debtors, the "Parties"), as well as the authority to take all necessary actions to consummate the transactions contemplated under the proposed settlement. As more fully described in the Motion for Approval, the proposed settlement (the "Settlement Agreement") will resolve—on a global basis—the outstanding APA-related disputes between the Parties and will allow for, among other things, an immediate influx of substantial funds to the Debtors' Estates for the benefit of the Estates' creditors. The Settlement Agreement will also eliminate the burdens, expenses, and risks associated with the protracted and contentious APA litigation, including anticipated appeals.

#### II. JURISDICTION

6. The Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and the Amended Standing Order of Reference M-431, dated

January 31, 2012 (Preska, C.J.). This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

#### III. RELIEF REQUESTED

- 7. By this Motion to Shorten, the Debtors request entry of an order pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(c) shortening the notice period with respect to the Motion for Approval filed concurrently herewith and setting the date and time for the hearing on the Motion for Approval for January 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) (the "Hearing"). The Debtors also request that objections to the Motion for Approval be filed by January 24, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) (the "Objection Deadline").
- 8. A proposed form of order granting the relief requested herein is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "**Proposed Order**").

#### IV. THE RELIEF REQUESTED SHOULD BE GRANTED

- 9. Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a) and paragraph 26 of the *Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures* (ECF No. 405) (the "Case Management Order") require that at least 21 days' notice be given for a motion seeking approval of the compromise or settlement of a controversy. Bankruptcy Rule 9006(c), however, provides that "when an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified time by these rules or by a notice given thereunder or by order of court, the court for cause shown may in its discretion with or without motion or notice order the period reduced."
- 10. Good cause exists to shorten the notice period for a hearing on the Motion for Approval. *First*, the Settlement Agreement is the product of extensive negotiation between and among the Parties and their advisors, in consultation with the Restructuring Committee and the Creditors' Committee. Those negotiations continued as of the filing date prescribed by

Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a) and the Case Management Order: the Parties, through their advisors and in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, were working diligently and in good faith to arrive at an expeditious and amicable resolution of the long-standing, expensive, and complex APArelated disputes between them. Second, as a result of these diligent and good-faith efforts, the Creditors' Committee supports the Settlement Agreement; accordingly, the Parties will not have to respond to or defend against an objection to the proposed settlement asserted by the Committee. **Third**, the Settlement Agreement provides for a payment, within three (3) business days of the Court's entry of an order approving the Settlement Agreement, of more than \$18 million in cash to the Debtors' Estates—funds that the Debtors will promptly put to good use in connection with the allocation of distributions to creditors and the implementation of an efficient wind-down of the Debtors' Estates. Given the potential adverse effect on the Debtors' Estates should the Court not enter an approval order on or about January 28, 2020, the Court should shorten the notice period with respect to the Motion for Approval rather than postponing its adjudication of the Motion for Approval to February 24, 2020, the next omnibus hearing in these chapter 11 cases. *Finally*, the Debtors are filing the Motion for Approval with 18 days' notice and are, as a consequence, providing fourteen days for the Objection Deadline, so that parties in interest will not be prejudiced. Accordingly, no parties will be prejudiced by the relief requested herein.

11. For all of the foregoing reasons, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court shorten the notice period with respect to the Motion for Approval.

#### V. NOTICE

12. Notice of this Motion to Shorten has been provided in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Case Management Order. The Debtors respectfully submit that no further notice is required.

13. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Debtors to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request entry of the Proposed Order and such other and further relief as is just and appropriate.

Dated: January 10, 2020 New York, New York

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### Exhibit A

**Proposed Order** 

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# ORDER SHORTENING NOTICE OF HEARING HEARING WITH RESPECT TO DEBTORS' MOTION PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9019(a) FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRANSFORM HOLDCO LLC

Upon the motion to shorten notice dated January 10, 2020 ("Motion to Shorten")<sup>5</sup> of Sears Holdings Corporation and certain of its affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order pursuant to Rule 9006(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") shortening the time for notice of the hearing to consider the *Debtors' Motion Pursuant to Federal Rule of* 

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Bankruptcy Procedure 9019(a) for Entry of an Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Transform Holdco LLC (the "Motion for Approval"), all as more fully set forth in the Motion to Shorten; and the Court having jurisdiction to decide the Motion to Shorten and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(a)–(b) and 1334(b), and the Amended Standing Order of Reference M-431, dated January 31, 2012 (Preska, C.J.); and consideration of the Motion to Shorten and the requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the relief sought in the Motion to Shorten having been provided in accordance with the Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures (ECF No. 405), such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion to Shorten establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and it appearing that the relief requested is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and all parties in interest; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion to Shorten is granted.
- A hearing on the Motion for Approval will be held on January 28, 2020 at
   10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time).
- 3. All objections to the Motion for Approval must be asserted in writing, conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and Local Rules, be filed with the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with the terms set forth in the Motion for Approval, and be served in accordance with the Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures, entered on

November 1, 2018 (ECF No. 405), so as to be filed and received no later than **January 24, 2020** at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

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	4.	The Court shall i	retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising
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			THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE